

Alaska Salmon

Date of Declaration/Determination: August 4, 2000

Location: Norton Sound, Kuskokwim, and Yukon River regions of Alaska

Cause: Due to natural disaster of unknown causes that resulted in extremely low returns of salmon to the regions.

Authority: Sec 312(a) of MSA and 308(b) of IFA

Appropriation: FY 2000 USDA Appropriations Act, October, 1999--\$15 million; \$10 million for EDA programs and \$5 million pursuant to MSA 312 for Norton Sound only, available in FY 2001.
FY 2001 DOC appropriation-\$7.5 million

Assistance Provided: Multi-agency effort using available funds and authorities underway for all three regions; IFA declaration makes SBA loans available, while 312(a) determination frees up USDA appropriation. EDA program is under development. To date, NMFS has awarded only \$413K requested (\$400 in Federal funds plus match) to the Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game for research.

The FY 01 funds were provided as direct payments (checks) for food, energy, fuel, etc. to:

Tanana Chiefs Conference-\$3.5 M

Association of Village Council Presidents-\$3.5 M

Kawarek-\$0.5 M